to the CBI by the Supreme Court and the High Courts. Manpower constraints do not come in the way of the CBI taking up such cases for investigation.

(b)As on 30.6.2000. 1785 cases arc under investigation by the CBI.

(c)No, Sir.

(d)Action has been taken to implement the Supreme Court's judgement dated 18.12.1997 in the Vineet Narain case which contained directions for improving the functioning of the CBI. In pursuance of the Judgement, the Government has, *inter alia,* sanctioned 250 posts upto the level of DIG for strengthening the CBI's in-house expertise.

Constitution for Review Committee for Creamy Layer in OBC

1367. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 303 given in the Rajya Sabha on 16th March, 2000 and state:

(a)whether Government have since constituted a Review Committee to revise the income criteria of creamy layer for the purpose of reservation of seats for OBC;

(b)if so, the details thereof and whether it has since reviewed the matter and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c)if the reply to part (b) above is negative what are the reasons therefor and whether responsibility is being fixed on the persons for not constituting a Committee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING AND DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS AND PENSIONERS' WELFARE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE):(a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c)The proposal is under examination in consultation with other Ministries/Departments/Commission concerned.

Unemployment Problem in NER

1368. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government agree that solution to unemployment problem should top the list of priorities for restoration of peace in the NER;